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ASSISTANCE TO INDIAN OILSEED PRODUCERS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether oilseed produce is cheaper in USA and European countries in comparison to the Indian yield;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the steps Government propose to take to face the international competition; and

(d) the subsidy being given to the oilseed producers as on date?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) & (b): Some of the oilseed produce are cheaper in international market as compared to the indigenous oilseed produce. The production and productivity of these oilseeds in India is much less because of the following reasons:-

1) Oilseeds are mostly grown in rainfed conditions.

2) Oilseeds are grown by small and marginal farmers.

3) Oilseeds are prone to many pests and diseases.

Besides oilseeds production is highly subsidized in USA and European countries.

(c) & (d): In order to increase the production and productivity of oilseeds and to face the international competition, a Centrally Sponsored Oilseeds Production Programme (OPP) is irimplementation in 28 States covering 408 selected districts. Under the scheme financial assistance is provided on various inputs like production and distribution of seeds, distribution of seed minikits, distribution of inproved farm implements, sprinkler sets, rhyzobium culture and micro nutrients etc.. In order to disseminate the production technology amongst the farmers frontline demonstrations are organized by the I.C.A.R.